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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-130-80

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: PL 96-272 - LIMITATIONS ON CLAIMING

REFERENCE:

This letter is to inform you of provisions within Section 306 of Public Law 96-272 (HR 3434) which relate to the time limits within which claims must be filed. Although the proposed regulations are expected to be released sometime in late December, the implications of this provision warrant advance notice.

Specifically, Section 306 of the act states that Federal Financial Participation (FFP) under Titles I, IV, V, X, XIV, XVI, and XX will only be available for claims filed in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. With respect to expenditures incurred on or after October 1, 1979, there is a two year limit on the filing of claims for FFP.
2. Expenditures incurred prior to October 1, 1979 which were claimed prior to the enactment of PL 96-272 (June 17, 1980) will not be subject to a time limit on federal reimbursement.
3. Expenditures incurred prior to October 1, 1979 for which no claim was filed prior to the enactment of PL 96-272 must be claimed no later than December 31, 1980.

Section 306 further states that court ordered retroactive payments, audit exceptions and adjustments to prior year expenditures are excluded from these guidelines.

In addition to these provisions there is some indication that HHS will establish December 31, 1980 as the final date when claims will be considered in the computation of California's foster care ceiling as specified in Section 474(b)(3) of the Act.

DSS is currently processing all in-house administrative claims which will be impacted by the December 31, 1980 deadline. In order to provide DSS with sufficient time to process and file claims by this date, counties are recommended to expedite the filing of any additional claims impacted by these provisions. All claims will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Any questions regarding these provisions should be referred to Pat Fitzgerald or Ernie Van Sant at 916/445-7046.

Sincerely,



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